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STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant hereby inquires as to the status of the above application. This application was filed on August 7, 1997, and, to date, a Notice to File Missing Parts has not been received. In a telephone conference with the Patent Office on March 30, 1998, applicant was informed that such a Notice had been mailed by the Patent Office on November 13, 1997. Applicant requests that a second copy of this Notice be forwarded to the undersigned attorney at the address listed below.

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